

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN KARL WAITSCHIES**, on February 4, 2005
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Karl Waitschies, Chairman (R)
Rep. Gary Branae, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bob Lake, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Margaret H. Campbell (D)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Tom Facey (D)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. George G. Groesbeck (D)
Rep. Dennis Himmelberger (R)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Jim Peterson (R)
Rep. Holly Raser (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Scott Sales (R)
Rep. Bill Warden (R)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. John Balyeat (R)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 495, 2/1/2005; HB 509, 2/1/2005;
HB 511, 2/1/2005

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 495

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:48 REP. ROGER KOOPMAN (R), HD 70, opened the hearing
on HB 495, Authorize endowments for schools.

[EXHIBIT \(tah28a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:46 Karen Fishman, Principal, St. Andrew School,
Helena

[EXHIBIT \(tah28a02\)](#)

00:08:31 Arlette Randash

[EXHIBIT \(tah28a03\)](#)

00:11:07 Mike Dellwo, Principal, Helena Christian Academy

00:12:49 Eric Schiedermayer, Montana Catholic Conference

REP. BUTCHER arrived at hearing

Opponents' Testimony:

00:13:53 Eric Feaver, MEA/MFT

[EXHIBIT \(tah28a04\)](#)

00:16:52 Aidan Myhre, Governor's Task Force in Endowment
Philanthropy

00:22:34 Daniel McLean, Attorney, Advisor Member for the
Governor's Task Force

00:28:17 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association

00:30:30 Linda Reed, Executive Director, Montana Community
Foundation

00:32:52 Mike Munck, Director, St. Peter's Hospital
Foundation

00:37:17 Joe Lamson, speaking for Montana Superintendent of
Public Instruction, Linda McCulloch

00:37:47 Jim Ahrens, Montana Hospital Association

00:39:00 Brian Magee, Executive Director, Montana Non
Profit Association

Informational Testimony:

00:42:32 Jim McKeon, Montana Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:42:51 CHAIRMAN WAITSCHIES
00:47:47 REP. FACEY
00:50:45 REP. LAMBERT
00:51:29 REP. COHENOUR
00:55:58 REP. BUTCHER
01:05:35 CHAIRMAN WAITSCHIES
01:10:10 REP. McALPIN
01:12:09 REP. LAKE
01:13:49 REP. COHENOUR
01:15:27 REP. WISEMAN

Closing by Sponsor:

01:19:22 REP. ROGER KOOPMAN (R), HD 70 closed the hearing
on HB 495.

EXHIBIT(tah28a05)

HEARING ON HB 509

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:23:04 REP. HAL JACOBSON (D), HD 82, opened the hearing
on **HB 509**, Revise elderly renters tax credit to
account for inflation.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:28:54 David Johnson, CPA, Helena
01:30:16 John Gazzerro, Tax Aide (Free Tax Service), Great
Falls

EXHIBIT(tah28a06)

01:34:58 Linda McCartney, Volunteer Advocate, AARP

EXHIBIT(tah28a07)

01:38:06 Eric Schiedermayer, Montana Catholic Conference
01:40:17 Holly Franz, Montana Society of CPA's

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

01:43:25 Jim McKeon, Montana Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:43:40 REP. ROSS
01:47:52 REP. FACEY
01:51:07 REP. LAKE
01:54:04 REP. PETERSON
01:55:41 CHAIRMAN WAITSCHIES

Closing by Sponsor:

01:56:02 **REP. HAL JACOBSON (D), HD 82**, closed the hearing on
HB 509.

01:59:19 Break

02:13:15 Resume

HEARING ON HB 511

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

002:13:28 **REP. DAVE GALLIK (D), HD 79**, opened the hearing on
HB 511, Education funding from increased natural
gas production.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:21:03 Kathy Bramer, speaking for Montana Superintendent
of Public Instruction, Linda McCulloch

02:24:47 Lance Melton, Montana School Board Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:26:50 **REP. WARDEN**

02:29:32 **REP. ROSS**

02:34:48 **REP. FACEY**

02:35:46 **REP. LAMBERT**

02:36:12 **REP. LAKE**

02:37:21 **CHAIRMAN WAITSCHIES**

02:40:54 **REP. ROSS**

02:43:10 **CHAIRMAN WAITSCHIES**

Closing by Sponsor:

02:44:24 **REP. DAVE GALLIK (D), HD 79** closed the hearing on
HB 511.

02:47:49

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:50 A.M.

REP. KARL WAITSCHIES, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tah28aad0.PDF](#))